

Application No. 09/726,589  
Amendment After Final  
August 9, 2005

### REMARKS/ARGUMENT

#### Description of amendments

Claims 1, 4-8, 20, 24, and 25 are now pending and under examination. Applicants have written claim 5 in independent form.

#### Allowed and allowable claims

Applicants appreciate that the Examiner has indicated claims 5-7 would be allowable if they are rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants have written claim 5 in independent form. Accordingly, claim 5, and therefore claims 6 and 7, are allowable.

#### Entry of Amendment

This Amendment meets the requirements of MEPE §714.13 for entry of an amendment after final, because it removes the issue of the patentability of claims 5-7 from appeal.

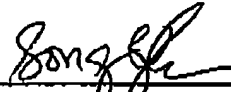
In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1823 (Docket #038738.49427US).

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Respectfully submitted,



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